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# HALIBUT FARE AT BOSTON.

## Also One Good Swordfish Trip Besides Groundfish.

A fine halibut trip and a little sloop with a dandy swordfish fare, together with 12 ground fish arrivals, mostly small, tells the T wharf fish story for this morning.

The halibuter is the sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, and has 28,000 pounds of halibut, some salt fish and a lot of fresh fish, and as the former are bringing 10 cents per pound she is in for a big stock and share. The little sloop Azorean has 23 swordfish, a big trip for a craft of her size, so she and her crew will fare well.

The ground fish fares run from 3000 to 48,000 pounds, the largest trip being that of sch. Regina. Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, Flavilla and Mary E. Silveira also have fair catches.

The market is good and the fish will be used. Haddock brought from \$2 to \$2.50 and large cod touched \$5 and \$5.50.

The receipts in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Regina, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 7000 hake.  
 Sch. Emily Sears, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 pollock.  
 Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 8000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 8000 pollock.  
 Sch. Flavilla, 13,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock, 2 swordfish.  
 Sch. Morning Star, 200 cod, 3000 pollock.  
 Sch. Etta B., 400 cod, 2500 pollock.  
 Sch. Reliance, 300 cod, 3500 pollock.  
 Sch. Olivia Sears, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
 Sch. Washakie, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
 Sch. Alice, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
 Sch. Seacomnet, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.  
 Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 24,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Dictator, 10,000 salt cod, 25,000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 28,000 halibut.  
 Sch. Azorean, 23 swordfish.  
 Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$2; halibut, 10c per lb.

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# RECORD RIPS COD FARE LANDED

Sch. Mina Swim Weighed Off 122,000 Pounds and Stocked \$3761.23.

High Line Of Crew Received \$153.57 AS His Share.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes, of the so-called Rips or "drift" codfishing fleet, which fished to the eastward on Quero bank on her last trip, wins the honor of landing the largest fare of salt cod ever brought in by a vessel engaged in this line of the fisheries in the history of the business.

The craft weighed off 122,000 pounds of salt cod, and although striking a reduction in price still made the splendid stock of \$3761.23, which is also a record for that kind of fishing. On this fine stock the average share of the crew was \$114 while the high line man of the crew took down \$153.57 as his part of the voyage.

Capt. William Forbes of the Mina Swim is one of the headliners in his chosen branch of the fisheries. A quiet, hard working skipper of judgment and ability, his success is pleasing to his many friends.

### Other Good Stocks and Shares.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry W. Curtis, stocked \$3048 as the result of her recent fresh and salt shack cod trip, the crew sharing \$82.05.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, stocked \$1200 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing about \$25.

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Sch. E. C. Hussey, Capt. Clifford Hopkins, as the result of her one month's salt cod drifting trip to the eastward, on Quero bank, weighed off 100,554 pounds of salt cod, making thereon the fine stock of \$3082. This is the third best trip and stock in this line of the fishery thus far this season, being only exceeded by the stocks of schs. Mina Swim and Eugenia.

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# NO MACKEREL AT NORTH BAY.

## None Schooling, None Taken in Traps on the Hook.

Schs. Marguerite Haskins and Ralph L. Hall, of the seining fleet in North Bay were at Tignish, a few days ago. Cpts. McGray and Hall reported nothing in the nets there, none schooling and a few being taken on the hook; also that the same conditions prevailed at East Point.

The steamer Pet is reported to have made a haul of 2000 small mackerel off Isles of Shoals yesterday and marketed at Portsmouth.

Schs. Harmony and Shenandoah have hauled out of seining, thus leaving but four crafts in the shore seining fleet, schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Saladin, Thomas J. Carroll and Mary T. Fallon.

The fare of sch. Shenandoah sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$9 3-8 per barrel for bullseyes, \$17 for one barrel of 300 count mediums and \$30 for large.

The mackerel seiners Priscilla Smith, Dauntless and Indiana were at North Sydney, C. B., on Monday. The Smith and Indiana reported nothing doing up around Prince Edward Island. The Dauntless went out of North Sydney Friday and took seven barrels of mackerel off Low Point.

Some of the nets around North Sydney have been taking a few small mackerel.

The weather around Cape Breton of late has been very blowy and interfered with fishing operations.

Mackerel have struck in toward Cape Cod again, and the trap men are finding them in their traps in sufficient numbers to market them. Yesterday morning there were eight barrels of fine, large, fat mackerel received at T wharf from the traps, besides a number of barrels of small mackerel. In all from various places the market received 46 barrels of large and small mackerel.

The small vessels that fish on the Middle bank are bringing in mackerel sharks, which looks that there are still mackerel in that vicinity. The Etta B. brought in three yesterday morning at T wharf and the sloop Morning Star had one. The fish sell for food, and are said to make good eating.

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### Dogfish Rendering Works in Operation.

The dogfish rendering works at Clark's Harbor, N. S., were practically tested recently when half a ton of "raw dog" was put through the mill and came out pulverized in approved style. Manager Cox, of the Canso works, who arrived Saturday, supervised the starting of the machinery, which ran all right. On first inspection Mr. Cox found some parts of it that needed re-adjusting and mechanics have been called to make the change. Dogfish are generally reported plentiful.

### Caught Swordfish on Trawls.

Sch. Dictator, which arrived at Boston yesterday from a halibut trip, had three swordfish, which the crew were not looking for, and Capt. Thompson had not thought of catching any until the men came along with them in their dories, having actually caught them on halibut hooks. The fish were medium size, and took the bait like ground fish, and were caught on the hooks. This manner of catching swordfish is unusual, but the halibut fishermen say they occasionally at this season of the year get one of small size, but the larger ones cut the lines as soon as they find the hook holding them.

### The Salt Fish Trade.

Says the Newport Fishing Gazette: "There is a better feeling in the salt fish trade, due to the comparatively limited stocks, particularly of foreign and domestic salt mackerel, and also to the cooler weather. That a good fall business is at hand seems to be the general view.

"Some of the new summer catch of Norway mackerel have arrived. They show very little trace of fat. August-caught fish, of an improved quality, are due within a few days.

"From Ireland it is reported that there is a little curing on the Kerry coast, but nothing at the other stations.

"The new Holland herring are arriving, and the quality is very good, commanding high prices.

"The Scotch herring are of excellent quality. Quotations firm.

"The market for Norwegian stockfish is firm, with an upward tendency.

"Several parcels of new shore fish, in casks, have been sold for Spain and Italy at good prices, and there is still an inquiry for a limited quantity.

"At Oporto, consumption is large, and prices are well maintained.

A leading exporter said on Wednesday:

"Old codfish is now cleaned up, without doubt, to the last quintal; and, as usual, heavy losses have been taken on the deterioration of the fish in hot weather.

New fish is coming forward more freely, and under heavier arrivals of bank, both from Nova Scotia and the American fisheries the market appears to be fairly easy. If a good catch is brought in, as now seems likely with the possible exception of Labrador, average prices should rule during the coming season.

"With moderate stocks, instead of the excessive ones of a year ago, a good business may be looked for.

"Hake continue ridiculously low, the result of excessive competition. Only a small stock is in hand."

### Texas Fisheries.

The fisheries of Texas for the year ending December 31, 1908, amounted to \$445,890, according to the preliminary report of E. Dana Durand, director of the United States Census. In that state 1063 independent and 717 wage-earning fishermen are engaged. There are in use 121 vessels, valued at \$219,118; the outfit (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.), \$49,349; 1027 boats, \$118,263; apparatus of capture, \$41,250; 332 cast nets, \$1360; dredges, tongs, etc., \$3940; 455 fyke and hoop nets, \$1780; 219 gillnets, \$1590; lines \$2960; 298 seines, \$23,960; miscellaneous, \$5660; store and accessory property, \$7440; cash capital, \$18,910.

Products, 16,700 lbs. black bass, \$1240; 240,400 lbs. buffalo, \$7430; 559,500 lbs. catfish, \$26,220; 928,700 lbs. channel bass or redfish, \$42,860; 40,200 lbs. crappie, \$2820; 159,100 lbs. croaker, \$7000; 380,700 lbs. salt water drum, \$9290; 140,300 lbs. flounders, \$6600; 46,100 lbs. jewfish, \$1330; 32,700 lbs. paddlefish, \$1540; 305,200 lbs. pike, \$10,820; 17,800 lbs. pompano, \$1090; 297,800 lbs. sheephead, \$14,060; 2,251,600 lbs. red snapper, \$78,810; 42,400 lbs. Spanish mackerel, \$3390; 1,054,500 lbs. trout or squeteague, \$46,050; miscellaneous, fish skins, etc., \$5470.

### Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Liverpool—Cod and haddock fair; 18 barrels mackerel taken; American fishing vessels in port, viz.: Wm. H. Rider, with 28,000 green fish and Morning Star, with 175,000 green fish, report fish plenty on bank Quero; Grace Darling reports also with 20,000 green fish.

Lunenburg—Three bankers in port with 1600, 1700 and 1600 quintals each.

Salmon River—Cod and haddock fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Few cod reported; from 2 to 4 barrels herring to a boat.

Grand Manan, North Channel—Hake fair.

Grand Manan, Grand Harbor—Herring reported in traps.

Grand Manan, Seal Cove—Herring reported in traps.

Grand Manan, Big Duck Island—Herring reported in traps.

Caraquet—Cod and herring very plenty.

Gascons—Cod and squid fair.

Southwest Point, Anticosti—Cod fair; herring scarce.

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### Made Quick Trip.

Sch. Regina, Capt. Jere Shea, which arrived at Boston yesterday, made a quick trip. The schooner left Nahant, where he had gone for bait, last Saturday, and got back to T wharf yesterday morning before business opened. He had taken 55,000 pounds of ground fish, and his men will share about \$25 for the short trip. Capt. Shea has been making weekly trips for some time, and his men have averaged between \$25 and \$30 each trip.

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# FAIR SUPPLY AT BOSTON.

## High Price For Cod the Market Feature.

T wharf, Boston, has just an ordinary Thursday today, with 17 fares of groundfish, some large, some small and some medium. Prices are good, especially so on large cod, of which there somewhat of a scarcity.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood has the largest fare, 55,000 pounds of fresh fish, and schs. Rose Dorothea, Gov. Russell, Harvester and John J. Fallon also have nice paying fares. There is quite a sprinkling of the little shore handline fellows in with ordinary catches of from 3000 to 10,000 pounds. All the fish will be used as trade is good.

Scallops are coming to the market, but very few of them from this section of the country. An average of six gallons is received daily from Cape Cod at T wharf, but large quantities are received from Long island.

Weakfish and albicore are being sent from the Cape towns in large quantities. The fish are plump and look well, and the demand for them is increasing as the other fancy fish go out of season.

The Halifax steamer, on which a considerable quantity of fish is received now, will hereafter reach Boston on Monday and Tuesday mornings, instead of three times a week as during the summer.

The arrivals in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Nettie, 800 cod, 15,000 pollock.
  - Sch. Marian, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.
  - Sch. F. D. Brown, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Actor, 6000 pollock.
  - Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
  - Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
  - Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.
  - Sch. Metamora, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
  - Sch. Harvester, 7000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 16,000 pollock.
  - Sch. Georgianna, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
  - Sch. Fanny B. Atwood, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 12,000 hake.
  - Sch. Priscilla, 15,000 cod, 8500 pollock.
  - Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 20,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. Gov. Russell, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 pollock.
  - Sch. Rose Dorothea, 7000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 11,000 pollock.
  - Sch. John J. Fallon, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Schs. Fanny Hayden, Marion E. Turner and A. C. Newhall, which came into port Monday, sold their fares of fish on Tuesday amounting to 85,000 pounds in the local market. The largest single fare was taken out of the Turner, something like 60,000 pounds being weighed out. The Hayden and Newhall each had 12,000 pounds of fish. The Turner also had 1500 pounds of halibut and one swordfish. The Turner has been out for 10 days, going as far as the Le Have banks. The Newhall caught her fare of fish on the Grand banks, where disagreeable weather was encountered. In a thick fog the Newhall came near running onto the shore near Moose-a-Bec last week, as there was no bell or fog horn at the place and the light was not seen.

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### Sch. Grampus at North Sydney.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, which has been on a trip to the Newfoundland treaty coast, with a party of government officials on board, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday.

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# THREE ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

## One Each From Quero, Georges and via Boston.

There is little to excite in the arrivals here today. A dory handliner from Provincetown, one craft down from Boston and a Georges handliner being the sum total of arrivals.

The dory handlining sch. American of Provincetown is here from Quero, via her home port, with a big trip, 300,000 pounds of salt cod, the trip being on the market, while from Boston is sch. Dictator with some salt and fresh fish the latter for the splitters. The Georges handlining sch. Carrie C. Capt. Fred Crawford, fished to the eastward this time, found good fishing and plenty of squid on the ground and brings home a nice catch, 60,000 pounds of salt cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Carrie C., Quero Bank, deck handlining, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. American, Quero Bank, via Provincetown, dory handlining, 300,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Lena and Maud, North bay, seining.
- Sch. Mettacomet, shore.
- Sch. Arkona, dory handlining.
- Sch. Muriel, Boston.
- Sch. Mina Swim, dory handlining.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, dory handlining.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67½c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Banks halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts for gray.

Salt bullseyes, \$9.50 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.

Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large \$3.37½ per cwt., medium \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65c; hake, 65c; pollock, 60c.

### Harbor Notes.

Sch. Vanessa is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Gladiator is fitting for a deck handline trip under command of Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Lewis Devine of this port, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday, taking ice and supplies. The craft had on board 70,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Devine reported fine fishing on Quero and plenty of squid. On his last day's fishing on one set, they saved 53 tubs of fish and lost quite a lot besides; this off of one four tub set. Capt. Devine reports the fleet doing well on Quero and that sch. Ella M. Goodwin had 750 tubs of fish.

Sch. W. H. Rider, one of the Georges handline fleet, was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday with 28,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Sch. Tattler, of the dory handline fleet, of this port, was at Canso, N. S., Monday, hailing for 300,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Morning Star, one of the cod shacking fleet, was at Liverpool, N. S., hailing for 175,000 pounds of salt fish. Capt. Becker reported fish plenty on Quero.

Sch. Grace Darling, one of the drift codfishing fleet, was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday with 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

Schs. Thalia, Mildred V. Nunan, Patriot and Yakima were at Canso, N. S., Monday.

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# FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM BAY.

## Some of the Vessels in That Locality Have Secured Mackerel.

### Report That Sch. Saladin Secured 50 Barrels On the Rips.

Encouraging reports from the North Bay seining fleet come to hand today. One of the crew of sch. Mertis H. Perry, now operating down that way, who left the craft and came home and has shipped to go back there in sch. George Parker, brings quite rosy news from some of the fleet.

The fisherman says that when he left the Perry had 50 barrels of salt mackerel, and the last time they set around the vessel they took 10 barrels and the bait was poor at that. The man reports also that sch. Diana has taken 100 barrels of fish and that sch. Indiana had done about the same. He thought so well of the prospect that he wants to go back and has shipped in the George Parker which is bound there.

Capt. Norman Ross of sch. Veda M. McKown has written home that the prospect looks pretty good in North Bay.

One of the traps at Rockport took about a barrel of mackerel yesterday. They appeared to be different than those previously taken, being larger than the small fish which they have been catching off there.

It is reported, and on what appears to be pretty good authority, that sch. Saladin made a haul of 50 barrels of mackerel on the Rips a few days ago. The report is brought in by one of the Rips fleet which passed the Saladin and spoke her and got the report.

Mackerel were scarce at Boston yesterday and only 25 barrels were received from all places. News from the mackerel fisheries in the provinces was not encouraging for the dealers, as it brought word that the late fishing there was proving a failure.

Sch. Mary Fallon, which has stood by seining until now, is at T wharf. Her captain and men have given up hope of making any more paying seinings, and their schooner will be stripped of her summer sails, her topmasts removed and her seines will be sent to storage and the schooner fitted out for trawling.

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### STOCKED \$5197 IN TWO TRIPS.

#### Sch. Dictator Was Bothered in Securing Bait.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, of the Georges halibut fleet, has two fine fares to her credit since leaving here the latter part of July. One fare was landed at Portland, on which the fine stock of \$3224 and crew sharing \$84.70 clear was made, while on the recent one, landed at Boston, the fresh and salt shack being brought here to the splitters, the craft stocked \$2973 and the crew shared \$77.75 clear.

The trips were each delayed by a search for bait at Nova Scotia, Capt. Thompson being 10 days on each trip getting this most necessary article. But for this delay the trips would have been made in much quicker time. Capt. Thompson is a hustler and since taking command of the Dictator in January has made a very large stock, his fares being uniformly good ones.

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### Newburyport Fish Notes.

Capt. Jonah Short's boat landed 25 barrels of bluebacks at Newburyport yesterday.